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GENERATING DEVICE, PHOTO-	)	
CATHODE, SECONDARY-ELECTRON	)	
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TUBE, METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF	)	
PHOTO-CATHODE, METHOD OF	)	
PRODUCTION OF SECONDARY-	)	
ELECTRON EMITTING SURFACE,	)	
AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF	)	
ELECTRON TUBE	)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Supplementary European Search Report dated November 8, 2006 that issued in a European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and are also attached hereto. While the Supplemental European Search Report also cites to JP55-78438, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously-filed in this application in an IDS on August 29, 2005.

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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